Rainfall in the country

1418. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General of Meteorological Department have stated that in the year 1992, the monsoon will be sluggish to begin with and there will not be favourable rainfall in the country in the initial stage of the year; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to meet the likely shortfall in food production due to the challenging monsoon failure in various parts of the country this year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) On the basis of "first signals" emerging from a balance of critical assessment of the parameters, the India Meteorological Department has, on 7th April, 1992, indicated that India was probably heading towards a "normal" monsoon but again on the lower side of "normal" with the possibility of the coming monsoon being somewhat sluggish to begin with.

(b) The monsoon scenario, still being in an emerging mode, is being reviewed regularly and a firm forecast will be available towards the end of May, 1992. The States have been advised to prepare contingency plans for minimising fall in agricultural production.

Central University of Hyderabad

1419. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any development plan in the Eighth Five Year Plan period has been drawn up for the Central University of Hyderabad ;

(b) if so, the details of the same ; and

(c) the details of additonal posts of Professors, Readers and Lecturers, being sanctioned or proposed to be sanctioned under the above plan, grade-wise and Department-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission has approved allocation of funds amounting to Rs. 988.00 lakhs for development schemes of the University of Hyderabad during the Eighth Plan period as detailed below :—

(i) Buildings	Rs. 424.00 lakhs
(ii) Teaching Staff	Rs. 58.00 Lakhs
(iii) Non-teaching staff	Rs. 13.00 lakhs
(iv) Books and journals	Rs. 100.00 lakhs
(v) Equipment	Rs. 100.00 lakhs
(vi) Campus development	Rs. 50.00 lakhs
(vii) Linkage Programme	Rs. 10.00 lakhs
(viii) Spill over of earlier Plan	Rs. 233.00 lakhs
TOTAL :	Rs. 988.00 lakhs

(c) According to information furnished by the University of Hyderabad, the details of teaching posts sanctioned in the Eighth Plan are as under :—

Department	Number of posts		
	Professor	Reader	Lecturer
Chemistry	2	—	—
Life Sciences	2	—	—
Maths & Computer/Information Sciences	1	—	2
Physics	2	—	—
Hindi	1	—	—
Philosophy	—	1	—
Telugu	1	—	1
Comparative Literature	—	—	1
Anthropology	—	1	—
Political Science	—	1	—
Sociology	1	—	1
Regional Studies	—	1	—
Performing Arts, Fine Arts & Communication	—	4	4
Unassigned posts	2	—	—
TOTAL	12	8	9

Modification in agreement wth CARE

1420. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI :

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the gift remittances, commodities and other items delivered by the American Agency, CARE under the Indo-CARE agreement of March, 1950, to beneficiaries in India are required to be from sources only outside India ;

(b) whether there have been any subsequent agreements which have enlarged or abridged or in any way modified the said Indo-CARE agreement ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir. Gift commodities and other items delivered by CARE under Indo CARE Agreement of March, 1950 to the beneficiaries in India are imported from sources outside India.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, every year CARE submits action plan called List of Provisions containing the details of quantum of food commodities, number of beneficiaries, feeding days and administrative cost payable by State Governments for the approval of Government of India. As per list of provisions approved by Government of India, CARE shall be providing 2.42 lakh MT of food commodities for providing supplementary nutrition to 89.87 lakh ICDS beneficiaries and 7.83 lakh beneficiaries under school feeding programme during 1992-93. In addition, CARE also provides assistance to implement six Acute Respiratory Infections (A.R.I.) Projects and five Small Economic Activities Development (SEAD) projects for the benefit of women and children.